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SIR ROBERT MENZIES HAS CAREFULLY REFRAINED FROM ANY PUBLIC STATEMENTS WHICH COULD BE INTERPRETED AS SUPPORTING EITHER CANDIDATE IN THE RECENT FRASER-SNEDDEN CONTEST FOR LEADERSHIP OF THE OPPOSITION LIBERAL PARTY. HOWEVER, IN PRIVATE HE HAS BEEN VERY CRITICAL OF THE WEAKNESS OF THE SNEDDEN LEADERSHIP, WHICH HE TOLD ME WAS UNABLE TO REACT RAPIDLY AND CLEVERLY ENOUGH TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE OPENINGS WHICH LABOR MISMANAGEMENT PROVIDES (REF B). AN INDICATION OF HOW STRONGLY HE FELT ABOUT LAST WEEK'S STRUGGLE IS HIS COMMENT ON MARCH 20 TO FORMER DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY JOHN

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IRWIN THAT IF SNEDDEN WERE RE-ELECTED ON MARCH 21ST THE

LIBERAL PARTY WOULD BE "FINISHED."
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